

FCSM Statistical Policy Seminar
**Achieving Statistical Quality in a Diverse and
Changing Environment**

**Holiday Inn Select Bethesda
December 15 - 16, 2004**

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Wednesday, December 15

- 7:30 a.m. Check-in and Coffee (Versailles Foyer)**
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introduction: (Versailles I and II)**
Katherine Wallman, OMB
- 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Keynote Speech:**
Richard Kulka, RTI International
Quantity and Quality: From Good to Great?
- 9:45 a.m. Break (Versailles Foyer)**
- 10:00 - 12 noon (Sessions 1 and 2 run concurrently)**

1. Standards for Statistical Surveys

(Versailles I) Organizer: Alan Tupek, USCB Chair: Louis Kincannon, USCB
Speakers: Alan Tupek, USCB
Proposed Standards for Statistical Surveys
Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB
OMB Guidance for Surveys
Discussants: Norm Bradburn, NORC/ University of Chicago

2. Web Surveys: A Research Agenda for Changing Environments

(Versailles II)

Organizers: Gerald Gates, USCB, Nancy Kirkendall, EIA, Dennis Fixler, BEA,

Wendy Alvey, USCB **Chair:** Lynda Carlson, NSF

Panel: Sam Best, University of Connecticut; Reginald Baker, Market Strategies,
William Mockovak, BLS; Elizabeth Martin, USCB

12:00 noon Lunch on Your Own

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Sessions 3 and 4 run concurrently)

3. Advisory Panels: Seeking Feedback to Improve Quality of Statistical Programs

(Versailles I)

Organizers: Wendy Alvey, USCB; Thomas Petska, SOI;

Chair: Lawrence Greenfeld, BJS

Panel: Lawrence Greenfeld, Moderator; Thomas Petska, SOI; Marilyn Manser, BLS;
Peggy Carr, NCES; Aldona Robbins, Fiscal Associates, Inc;
Janet Lauritsen, University of Missouri-St. Louis

4. Tools, Policy, and Procedures for Survey Improvement

Organizer: Kristin Miller, NCHS **Chair:** Kathleen Utgoff, BLS

(Versailles II)

Speakers: Gordon Willis, NCI

Cognitive Interviewing: A Tool for Improving Questionnaire Design

Theresa DeMaio, USCB

Census Bureau Standard: Pre-testing Questionnaires and Related Materials for
Surveys and Censuses

Kristin Miller, NCHS

Q-Bank: Development of a Tested-Question Database

Discussant:

3:00-3:30 p.m. Break

(Versailles Foyer)

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Sessions 5 and 6 run concurrently)

5. Telephone Surveys in a Changing Environment

(Versailles I)

Organizer: Clyde Tucker, BLS **Chair:** Rick Kowalewski, BTS

Panel: Phil Smith, CDC; Joseph Riley, HUD; Robie Sangster, BLS;
J. Michael Brick, Westat; Linda Piekarski, Survey Sampling, Inc.

6. Researcher Access to Confidential Micro Data From Home Institutions

(Versailles II)

Organizer: Steven H. Cohen, BLS **Chair:** Edward Sondik, NCHS

Speakers: Mary Maher and Mitchell Morehart, ERS

Opened ARMS: Barriers and Opportunities for Remote Provision of Farm
Business and Farm Household Data

Alan Karr, NISS

Regression Servers: What Do We Know? What Do We Not Know?

Ken Harris, NCHS

NCHS Experiences with Remote Access and Data Centers

Thursday, December 16

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (Sessions 7 and 8 run concurrently)

7. Agency Initiatives to Monitor Survey Quality

(Versailles I)

Organizers: Cynthia Clark, USCB; Nancy Kirkendall, EIA **Chair:** Guy Caruso, EIA

Speakers: Nancy Kirkendall, EIA

Agency Initiatives to Monitor Survey Quality

Carol Caldwell, USCB

The Annual Capital Expenditure Survey: A Case Study

Tom Broeme, EIA

EIA Case Study

Discussants:

8. The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002: Where Are We and Where Are We Going?

(Versailles II)

Organizers: Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB; Marilyn Seastrom, NCES;

Chair: J. Steven Landefeld, BEA

Panel: Jay Casselberry, EIA; Doug Wright, SAMHSA;

10:30-11:00 a.m. Break

(Versailles Foyer)

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(Sessions 9 and 10 run concurrently)

9. Recent Advances in Quality Assurance

(Versailles I)

Organizer: Ronald Fecso, NSF ; **Chair:** Ronald Bosecker, NASS

Speakers: Jeff Moran and Paul Biemer, RTI

Quality Management for Survey Research

Lars Lyberg, Statistics Sweden

Quality Assurance at Statistics Sweden

David Marker, Westat

Discussant: John Kovar, Statistics Canada

10. Integrated Survey Designs: Analytical Enhancements Achieved Through Linkage of Surveys, Administrative and Secondary Data

(Versailles II)

Organizer: Steven Cohen, AHRQ; **Chair:** Tom Petska, SOI

Speakers: Steven B. Cohen, AHRQ

Integrated Health Care Survey Designs: Analytical Enhancements Achieved Through Linkage of Surveys, Administrative and Secondary Data

Dean Judson and Mark Bauder, USCB

Linking the National Health Interview Survey and the Current Population Survey with the Census

Discussants: James Lepkowski, University of Michigan;

William Kalsbeek, University of North Carolina

1:00-2:15 p.m Luncheon Hosted by COPAFS

(Washington Room)

Speaker: Katherine Wallman, OMB

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Sessions 11 and 12 run concurrently)

11. Incentives in Government Surveys: Practices and Perspectives

(Versailles I)

Organizers: Marilyn Seastrom, NCES; **Chair:** Robert Lerner, NCES

Panel: Marilyn Seastrom, NCES; Jennifer Madans, NCHS; David Cantor, Westat;

12. Data Mining: Policy Implications and Applications

Organizer: Barry Graubard, NCI; **Chair:** Susan Offutt, ERS

(Versailles II)

Speakers: Joseph Topping and Ana Szarfman, FDA

Discussants:

Legend

AHRQ - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Department of Health and Human Services
BEA - Bureau of Economic Analysis/Department of Commerce
BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics/Department of Justice
BLS - Bureau of Labor Statistics/Department of Labor
DOC - Department of Commerce
DOJ - Department of Justice
EIA - Energy Information Administration/Department of Energy
ERS - Economic Research Service/Department of Agriculture
FCSM - Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology
FDA - Federal Drug Administration
HUD - Housing and Urban Development
NAS - National Academy of Sciences
NASS - National Agricultural Statistics Service/Department of Agriculture
NCES - National Center for Education Statistics/Department of Education
NCHS - National Center for Health Statistics/Department of Health and Human Services
NCI - National Cancer Institute
NISS - National Institute of Statistical Sciences
NSF - National Science Foundation
OMB - Office of Management and Budget
RTI- Research Triangle Institute
SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SOI - Statistics of Income/Internal Revenue Service
SSA - Social Security Administration
USCB - U.S. Census Bureau/Department of Commerce